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Awesome - thanks very much!

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Yes, contact me at 609-984-4472 to coordinate with Matt to ensure that you have all related info.

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Understood. What is the best to make sure that we obtain the financial information / costs incurred by the agency on this matter that make up the lien? I want to get this right the first time and my experience with types of requests is that all of the requested info is often not provided (requiring a second or third request). Would it be possible that once we have the file review date set up, that I could reach out to you to coordinate with Matt Coeffer to make sure everything we are looking for is being provided (that you can provide obviously)? Thanks much! Mark

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Mark,

Due to our procurement rules, I can't provide any information to you as there may be other interested parties of whom I am not aware. To obtain any further information, I have to refer you to our OPRA office. The link is below.

https://www.nj.gov/dep/opra/

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Thanks Frank – can you get us some intel on the amounts of the liens by DEP and EPA (just so we have better understanding of how we might try to reach a settlement)? Also, if there are any key documents that you can share with us on the remaining remedial obligations / back up for the O&M, that would be helpful. We are going to go thru the normal channels via OPRA/FIOA to get the project files, but anything you can get to us sooner would be very much appreciated. If you think a quick call with me would be helpful, that would be great. Much appreciated. Mark

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Mark,

DEP, EPA, and the Town of Kearny all have liens against the Syncon property.

Operations and maintenance going forward are projected at about \$410,000 annually. Some sampling will be required as well.

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Jeanette - Thanks again for your time on this site last week.

Frank/Pam – I have client/developer who is very interested in the property. Accordingly, we are looking to get a better understanding of the open issues at the site, including the past costs/possible settlement issues on past agency costs in the event that we want to come into DEP to talk about signing an ACO/Development Agreement. Can you provide that information for me (doesn't need to be exact – just high-level ballpark number so we can decide if this is still something we want to pursue)?

Thanks and let me know if you would like to discuss/I can set up a quick call if you think that is helpful. Mark

From: Abels, Jeanette < Jeanette. Abels@dep.nj.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:25 AM **To:** Mark Fisher <MFisher@elminc.com>

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As we discussed on the phone this morning, you should contact Frank DeFeo of NJDEP at <a href="mailto:Frank.Defeo@dep.ni.gov">Frank.Defeo@dep.ni.gov</a> and Pam Baxter of EPA at Pamela.Baxter@epa.gov

for information regarding the past costs for the Syncon site. You will also need to contact the Town of Kearny.

I can confirm that the DEP OPRA office is coordinating records reviews at this time.

Please contact me if you need additional information. Jeanette Abels

From: Mark Fisher < MFisher@elminc.com > Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 7:51 AM

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Syncon Resins Site PI#019804

Hi Jeanette – I am working with someone who is interested in the property located at 77 – 89 Jacobus Ave in Kearny. Based upon the info from Dataminer it appears that this is a publicly-funded cleanup site. We are submitting an OPRA request for the DEP files but I was hoping that I could call you to discuss the site at a high level while we wait to access to the files. Let me know if there is good number to reach you (website lists 609-292-4873 but wasn't sure if this still a good number while you are working remotely) or can call contact me (best way is via cell (609) 577-3974 or email). Thanks in advance for your assistance. Mark



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